

POLITICAL INFORMATION.

THE PRIMARY MEETING AND THE CAUCUS.

Party management begins in the township and wards, and with the action of the body of members of the party in these districts. The primary meeting is the place where all the members of the political party may express their views, where they choose delegates to the larger bodies called nominating conventions. If it were convenient, all the members of the party in a county might meet in one place, to select delegates or to nominate candidates; and in New Jersey and some other states this was formerly done. But the township or ward primary meeting is now general, because it is the least inconvenient. The primary meetings select delegates for the county, congressional, and state conventions; and these delegates, meeting in conventions on an appointed day, nominate the candidates for office. Any person who is a voter in the township or ward and who is a member of the party is known to have voted with the party holding the primary meeting, may properly take part in it.

As party government is inevitable and necessary in a free country, it is the duty of every citizen to attend the primary meetings of the party with which he is affiliated, and intelligent minority compels the majority to govern carefully and honestly. The demoralization of the party which is in the minority may thus, as you see, bring calamities on a country.

"Politics" have always been, in every free state, an enticing profession, followed by many honest and high-minded men out of a desire to see their favorite principles prevail; by other men to advance their private fortunes, and by yet others from a mixture or combination of both these motives. Our own politics are less corrupt, and our own politicians, taken as a class, are far more scrupulous than those of most free nations have been either in ancient or modern times. When, therefore, men talk or write about the peculiar debasement of our politics, you need not entirely believe them. There is a good deal of irritating ignorance and some corruption among our political leaders, but not nearly as much as there is in England or France; it vexes us more because we meet it face to face. The truth is that our party politics are more intelligently, less dishonestly, and more honorably conducted than those of Great Britain, with which we are oftenest compared, and that the averaged of political morality is higher in the United States than in any other nation in the world.

In an ideal state, the people, gifted with unflinching discernment of merit, would select continually the best, and the best of any kind, the wisest and ablest men for their rulers would desire always the most beneficent and the noblest of policies for the nation. Practically, however, these matters are managed somewhat differently. The people are guided more or less by newspapers and by political leaders; men, able or the reverse, are brought to political life by careful management of their friends, or of the higher chiefs of a party, who are well on the lookout for capable men to help them; platforms are studied over and prepared by small coteries of politicians, to make them attractive to the people and for the people to advance, and which the party desires to advance; and to return to our primary meetings—the delegates chosen at these are for the most part selected beforehand by the political managers of a county or district, to insure the nomination of certain candidates. Thus where several persons desire a nomination for the same place, the primary meeting is the scene of the strife between them; and it is there that good citizens may defeat a corrupt or incapable candidate in their own party.

The preparatory work which I have described to you above is done in what is called a caucus—which is simply a private meeting of influential politicians. Whether the caucus shall be a good or an evil thing depends on the character of the men who compose it. It is a method of political action used alike by the best and the vilest politicians; the wisest and the most necessary measures of the last twelve years, for instance, as well as a ticket composed of injurious, have been discussed and prepared in caucus before they were presented to the public; and both the ablest and the worst of our political leaders have been introduced into political life, and advanced in it, in this silent, secret, but not the less necessarily evil council, by their friends. In a caucus, political intelligence is widely diffused, and where there is so high an average of ability, it is very seldom that a man, except after long and brilliant service, becomes so conspicuously the one man for the place that his party retains him as a matter of course.

A fault in our political arrangements makes the caucus very often, in the hands of bad men, an instrument for elevating corrupt men to power. This is the practice, in the states and cities, of electing a great many of the executive officers. Where this is done, the caucus enables corrupt politicians to prepare a ticket composed of a few good men and a large tail of the lowest class of politicians, and such a "slate" is then forced upon the party as "the best thing that can be got." The vilest kind of politicians do not trouble themselves much about a Congressional caucus; but wherever a dozen or twenty candidates are to be nominated, there is their opportunity. If the executive head, be the President, Governor, or Mayor, has the selection, appointment, and removal of all his subordinates, a "slate" becomes impossible, and the caucus is no longer so powerful a tool in the hands of bad men. In some of our states, at one time, members of Congress were chosen on a general ticket; that is to say, the whole Congressional delegation of the state was voted for by all the people of the state. But experience showed that the caucus put a few good men and a multitude of bad ones on the same ticket; and as both parties did this, the result was for evil only. It is sometimes urged that if the President, Governor, or Mayor has unrestricted power to appoint or remove his subordinates, he will appoint bad men. But even the decisive check of the Senate does not always suffice to prevent the appointment of conspicuously bad or incompetent men; and it does serve to conceal the faults of a ruler, and lessen his responsibility to the people, in a mischievous manner. It is better that a President or Governor or Mayor shall show his oligarchy plainly by bad appointments; for then he will become hateful to the people, and lose his chance of reelection, while the caucus will be shown of its power for evil.

Do not be ashamed or afraid to meet in caucus, if you should by and by take part in politics; but remember that bad men and measures may be defeated there as well as at the primary meetings. And as a sound rule for party action, remember that if, in spite of your efforts, your party nominates a bad man for office, you should openly vote against him. For it is better, for your party's interest, that it should be defeated if it nominates bad men than that it should succeed. When a political party becomes the tool of corrupt or ignorant men it is in danger, not of a temporary, but of a

lasting defeat. If both parties nominate bad men for an office, it is better that your own party should be defeated; for it is not in that case responsible for the misgovernment, and your party leaders may learn wisdom from defeat. Hence, the more ardently you desire the success of your political party, the more vigorously you may scratch the bad names off your ticket when you go to the polls.—NORRIS.

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